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Box No. I Basis of the report

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 - ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☒ the description:
 - pages 1 - 8 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 - ☒ the claims:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 5096247 A
D2: WO 00/53522 A1

The cited documents represent now, after the amendment to the claims have been made, only the general state of the art.

The invention defined in the amendment claims 1-8 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed swing damping arrangement pertaining to a swing damper for supporting a tool that hangs from a crane arm or the like, wherein the damper includes a brake arrangement. The brake arrangement includes a brake unit having discs that can swing around the pivot axle of the pivot joint. The arrangement includes also a tensioning element which functions to press the discs together in a braking operation, and in that the tensioning element is located at least partially within one or two pivot bearings located between the upper part and the lower part.

Therefore, the claimed invention now is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in the amendment claims 1-8 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

CLAIMS

1. A swing damping arrangement, particularly an arrangement pertaining to a swing damper (1) for supporting a tool (5) that hangs from a crane arm (2) or the like, wherein the damper (1) includes an upper part (11) connected to the crane arm (2), and a lower part (12) which supports a working implement (5) or the like, either directly or via a rotator (4) for instance, wherein the upper part (11) and the lower part (12) are pivotally connected to each other via a pivot joint (13), and wherein the damper (1) includes a brake arrangement (50), **characterised** in that the brake arrangement (50) includes a brake unit (60) having discs (70,80) that can swing around the pivot axle (14) of the pivot joint (13), in that at least one (70) of said discs is secured against rotation relative to the upper part (11), in that at least one (80) of said discs is secured against rotation relative to said lower part (12), in that the arrangement includes a tensioning element (90;110;130) which functions to press the discs (70,80) together in a braking operation, and in that the tensioning element (90;110;130) is located at least partially within one or two pivot bearings (46) located between the upper part (11) and the lower part (12).
2. An arrangement according to Claim 1, **characterised** in that the brake unit (60) is situated in a space (200) between two pivot bearings (46) located between the upper part (11) and the lower part (12).
3. An arrangement according to Claim 1 or 2, **characterised** in that the upper part (11) includes an abutment surface (22) for driving at least one disc (70).
4. An arrangement according to any one of Claims 1-3, **characterised** in that the lower part (12) includes an abutment surface (34) for driving at least one disc (80).
5. An arrangement according to any one of Claims 1-4, **characterised** in that at least one disc (70) has a brake lining (75) on at least one side thereof.
6. An arrangement according to any one of Claims 1-5, **characterised** in that discs (70,80) include a through-passing hole for the tensioning element (90;110;130).

7. An arrangement according to any one of Claims 1-6, **characterised** in that the force generated by the tensioning element (90;110;130) in order to press the discs (70,80) together is based on a spring force and/or on the application of a pressure medium.

- 5 8. A method relating to a swing damper, particularly to a swing damper (1) for carrying a tool (5) that hangs from a crane arm (2) or the like, wherein the swing damper (1) includes an upper part (11) which is connected to the crane arm (2), and a lower part (12) which carries a working implement (5) or the like, either directly or via a rotator (4) for instance, wherein the upper part (11) and the lower part (12) are pivotally connected
10 together via a pivot joint (13), and wherein the swing damper (1) includes a brake arrangement (50), **characterised** in that swinging movement is braked by virtue of said upper part (11) being caused to entrain at least one disc (70) of a brake unit (60) as said part swings, and by virtue of the lower part (12) being caused to entrain at least one disc
15 (80) of the brake unit (60) as said lower part (12) swings, and in that the discs (70,80) are pressed together by a tensioning element (90;110;130) in a braking operation where the tensioning element (90;110;130) is located at least partially within one or two pivot bearings (46) located between the upper part (11) and the lower part (12).
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